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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

On January 16, 1940, the O. L. A. Executive Board met in the office of the State Librarian, all members of the Board being present except Mr. Schunk, and in addition there were present Mr. Noon, Miss Sandoe and Mrs. Wilson, President of the O. L. T. A., as well as Mr. Sumner of the Youngstown Public Library.

The Chairmen of the various committees as proposed for appointment by the President were unanimously approved, together with the budgets suggested for committee activities. The Executive Committee also authorized the reemployment of Mr. James Tritschler as Legislative Counsel.

Mr. Sumner presented formal invitations from the Mayor and the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce to the O. L. A. to hold the meeting next fall in Youngstown. The Board voted to accept the invitation and decided on the Ohio Hotel as headquarters with the dates set for October 10-12, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A resolution of appreciation was adopted for Mr. James Foutts' fine success in directing the exhibits at the Columbus meeting. Mr. Foutts was unable to take charge of the displays for the next year so that the President was authorized to request Messrs. Roland Mulhauser and Russell Munn to serve as co-chairmen for the Youngstown exhibits.

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND THE SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

It is the hope and expectation that Ohio librarians and Ohio library trustees will be present in goodly numbers at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Cincinnati, May 27 to June 1. An opportunity to attend a national A. L. A. Conference in our own state comes only occasionally, and we should take advantage of our good fortune this year.

Undoubtedly, however, there will be some unable to give the time for such a trip, so that it seems inadvisable to cancel our district meetings entirely. A schedule of five meetings has been planned for the northern and eastern portions of Ohio for the first two weeks in April so as to interfere as little as possible with the A. L. A.

Miss Laura Briesemeister of the Canton Public Library is in general charge of these meetings, and she is planning for a series of interesting and successful programs. Dates, hostesses and program chairmen are set forth below. Mark your calendar to attend the meeting most convenient for you. The A. L. A. itself will take the place of a district meeting in the southwestern corner of the state.

April 3, Wednesday—Marion Public Library. Chairman, Miss Ruth Sonnenstein. Hostess, Miss Helen L. Kramer.

April 4, Thursday—Defiance Public Library. Chairman, Walter T. Brahm, Toledo. Hostess, Miss Nina M. Grant.

April 9, Tuesday—Warren Public Library. Chairman, Miss Martha Grey. Hostess, Miss Josephine Lytle.

April 10, Wednesday—Medina Public Library. Chairman, Miss Helen Focke, Cleveland. Hostess, Miss Eleanor Brandt.

April 11, Thursday — Coshocton Public Library. Chairman, Mrs. Mary Hughes Morehouse, Woodsfield. Hostess, Miss Margaret E. Sahling.

LEGISLATION

While there is no regular session of the Legislature this year, the legal status of library support will have to be watched closely and protected in case of a possible Special Session. The library rights as to prior claim on the Intangible levy is regarded in some communities as an interference with Relief needs, and for this reason there may be a proposal to reduce the library share in a way which would be disastrous.

The Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee, Mr. J. J. Weadock, Jr., with our Legislative Counsel, Mr. Tritschler and Mr. Hamer are studying the situation carefully, and librarians and library trustees must hold themselves ready to spring into action if the need arises. Make certain that your local legislators realize that the libraries have a lien on Intangibles just because all other forms of tax support have been withdrawn from them.

ADULT EDUCATION

Miss Fihe and her committee are planning for the issue during 1940 of a second handbook on adult education service possibilities in local libraries. It is hoped that the smaller libraries will be alert to the fact that much can be done even where the resources are less extensive than in larger communities. Have some ideas to offer at your district meeting.

IS YOUR LIBRARY GIVING HOSPITAL SERVICE?

The Ohio Association of Hospital Librarians wishes to know what libraries in the state are giving service to hospitals. A committee has been appointed to make this survey. Will any library giving hospital service, however limited, please write to the chairman, (Miss) Gertrude M. Edwards, Head of Hospital Division, Cleveland Public Library? Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

FIRST CALL FOR 1940 DUES!

There was a fine response last year to the dues notice in the January Bulletin and we are anticipating the same happy result again this year. By sending in your dues promptly, billing costs will be reduced and money will be saved for the Association.

The following representatives on the Membership Committee are ready to accept dues in their respective libraries:

Elizabeth Bechtel, Wooster College Library; Florence E. Cottrell, Lakewood Public Library; Margaret Dunbar, Kent State University Library; Julian S. Fowler, Oberlin College Library; Roberta Johnstone, Cincinnati Public Library; Earl N. Manchester, Ohio State University Library; Frances McCollough, Cincinnati University Library; Irene McCreery, Toledo Public Library; Ethel McDowell, Ashtabula Public Library; Blanche Mitchell, Troy Public Library; Paul A. T. Noon, Ohio State Library; Mary Louise Otto, Marietta College Library; Grace Prince, Wittenberg College Library; Pauline Reich, Cleveland Heights Public Library; Blanche Roberts, Columbus Public Library; Freda Silver, Lima Public Library; Thesel H. Sims, Dayton Public Library; George Strong, Western Reserve University Library; Clarence Sumner, Youngstown Public Library; Dorothy Tricker, Akron Public Library; Emelia E. Wefel, Cleveland Public Library.

If your library is not in the above list, kindly hand your dues to your librarian who will be glad to forward them to the treasurer, or they may be sent directly.

There are already about 150 memberships for 1940. A gratifying start for the year! The total membership last year was 1526.

Regular dues are $1.00. Sustaining memberships ($10.00) will be most welcome again this year. We are sincerely hoping for the renewal of all of last year's sustaining memberships, as well as for the addition of new names to the list for 1940.

Let's try to reach the 1600 mark in O. L. A. membership for 1940!

Remember to pay your dues promptly!

COUNTY LIBRARIANS

An unusual opportunity is being offered us in the special institute planned for the week just before the A. L. A. It is hoped that a fine attendance of Ohio workers may be present to share in the inspiration and suggestions the institute will afford. It is not too early to plan your schedule now to attend the conference and to meet other county workers from all over the county. Register promptly.

COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARY INSTITUTE

A County and Regional Library Institute will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 24-26, 1940, in connection with and just prior to the A. L. A. Conference at Cincinnati, under the sponsorship of the County and Regional Libraries Section of the A. L. A., the League of Library Commissions, and the A. L. A. Library Extension Board.

The Institute will be held at the Hotel Alms (Walnut Hills, Cincinnati), a residence hotel outside the business district on one of the nearer hilltops. This will provide the informal setting needed for discussions.

The director of the Institute will be Miss Tommie Dora Barker, Dean of the Emory University Library School, formerly A. L. A. Regional Field Agent for the South. She is basing plans for three profitable days on the specific recommendations developed at the planning conference of the County and Regional Libraries Section just held at the Midwinter Conference of the A. L. A. Further announcement as to leaders and subject matter will be made as soon as possible.

The Institute is planned for professional librarians now engaged in county and regional library service or state library extension, or planning to initiate such service in the near future. As the total attendance must be limited to 150, preference will be given to such librarians up to May 1, and attendance from an individual library limited to two persons. If the enrollment is not filled by May 1, restrictions as to number from one library will be lifted, and registration will be open to professional librarians other than county, regional and state extension workers.

Advance registration is required and early application is desirable. Registration will be handled by the Public Library Division of the American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Address requests for application blanks to that office. The registration fee of $5 must accompany the formal application. Admission credentials and receipt will be sent the accepted registrant or the fee returned. A room reservation should then be made directly with the hotel.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
October 17, 1939—January 31, 1940

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, annual report, October 17, 1939	$2,025.21
Memberships	188.00
Exhibits and Local Committee, Columbus Convention	661.61
	$2,874.82

EXPENDITURES

Columbus Convention	$ 450.57
President's Office	81.50
Treasurer's Office	14.69
Executive Committee	56.85
Adult Education Committee	.57
Citizens' Library Committee	11.85
Legislative Committee	800.00
A .L. A. Chapter and Contributing Membership dues	75.00
Clipping Service for Ohio State Library	22.50
Contribution to Local Committee Fund for A. L. A. Convention, Cincinnati, May, 1940	100.00
	$1,613.53
CASH BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 31, 1940	$1,261.29

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Columbian Building and Loan Company, Columbus	$ 182.71
Washington County Savings Loan & Bldg. Co., Marietta	350.61
National City Bank, Cleveland	727.97
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